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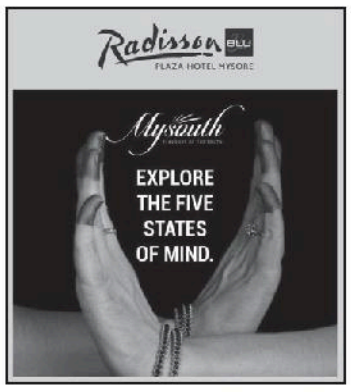

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First weekend curfew of 2022 from 10 pm today

All major tourist attractions in Mysuru including Zoo, Palace, Rail Museum closed

Traffic Police personnel being briefed at K.R. Circle ahead of Night Curfew.

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (RK, MTY & BCT)- The New Year's first weekend curfew begins from 10 pm today and will be clamped till 5 am on Monday (Jan. 10). Severe restrictions have been imposed on movement of people, except in **sectors exempted from the curfew — essential services, all industries, health, Government bodies, grocers and home delivery.** Those working in these sectors need to furnish valid documents to have hassle-free movement.

The State Government had issued two orders, one that imposed night curfew from 10 pm to 5 am every day and weekend curfew that began from Friday 8 pm to Monday 5 am. Due to this, there was some confusion regarding the exact time when the weekend curfew would kick in — whether it is 8 pm or 10 pm.

However, the State Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar and also the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham has clarified that the weekend curfew will begin at 10 pm on Friday and will be in force till Monday 5 am for two weeks, till Jan. 19.

This morning, the Government announced changes to its COVID-19 orders for the weekend curfew. In the new order, it permitted Engineering Colleges in Bengaluru Urban to hold offline classes and advocate offices and law firms to function with 50 percent capacity.

(See CURFEW on page 6)

Mask mandate: MCC, Police get cracking

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (MTY & BCT)- After a nudge from the State Government and the District Administration to strongly deal with people without masks, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the City Police have jointly begun an operation to levy fines. The intensified drive that began yesterday saw teams from MCC and the Police stopping pedestrians and motorists and issuing challans after collecting money for violation. While people within city limits are fined Rs. 250, people residing and travelling without masks beyond city are fined Rs. 100.

The mask mandate assumes significance in the wake of increasing COVID-19 and its Omicron variant forcing the Government to re-impose restrictions including night curfew and weekend curfew. What has upset the administration is the casual and careless way people are responding to the pandemic, risking their own lives and the lives of others.

In fact, there are people who take the mask in their pockets before going to a restaurant. They wear the mask before entering a restaurant as they will not be allowed entry. But these same people do not wear masks on the road, said a Policeman who was on duty on the streets.

(See MASK on page 6)

Police and MCC personnel checking occupants in the car for mask. It is mandatory for car occupants to wear face mask even if they are driving alone.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 7th January 2022

'Shivaganga Gaana Yaana' at Kashi: Calling devotees, singers

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (BNR)- On the occasion of Shivaratri festival, Vishwamanava Sangeetha Pratishtana, Mysuru, will be presenting 'Shivaganga Gaana Yaana' on the banks of River Ganga in Kashi and 'Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Namana' in Banaras Hindu University.

The Pratishtana has organised training programme under singer Lakshmiram for interested devotees or singers to present songs on Lord Shiva and Nalwadi Wadiyar.

All those participating in the event will be given certificates and medals.

For details, contact Mob: 99012-69863, according to a press release from Pratishtana Hon. President H.L. Yamuna.

Vidyasiri: Applications invited from minority students

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (SSM) - The Minorities Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible minority community students (Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and Parsis) for availing various benefits under Vidyasiri Scheme for the year 2021-22.

The students will be selected based on the marks and grants available. Interested may apply by downloading the application forms from the Department website *[http://dom.karnataka.gov.in]* or obtain the applications from the Department Office located at Moulana Azad Bhavan, beside Shobha Garden, opposite Dandinamaramma Temple, Mysuru-Bengaluru Road.

The filled-in application forms must be submitted along with all relevant documents with sign and seal from their respective College Principal to the Department Office before Jan. 10. For details, contact Mob: 79757-57971 or 89510-87207, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

One of the side effects of the pandemic has been that every one, at some time or other, has 'cleaned' their house. Looking at all the stuff they have collected they have asked almost innocently, 'How did we manage to collect so much?' Suitcases and cupboards full of clothes and other things that one had not even seen for the past few years but could still not be thrown away.

"Our desire to possess says a lot about us," says Psychologist Bruce Hood. "We own so many things that often the garage is full of stuff while the car is standing in the driveway." Author of 'Possessed', a book about possession and the madness to do so, Hood says in an interview, "There is a little demon inside us that is compelling us to go for more and more things. Our need to have more than we actually require is born out of a desire to control."

It is true that when a child goes to the park with a ball of his own, he becomes the leader to those who have not brought their playing balls. So this desire for the power of control is born rather young. And then we have memories attached to that ball... the first one my daughter played with or the one with which I won a game and so on. We never throw it away.

Does our self-esteem come from these past glories that we need to preserve them all? Does our sense of identity suck in these material objects too?

— *Sudhamahi Regunathan in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man ascends Earth's tallest mountain

New York: US adventurer and a marine scientist Victor Vescovo has become the first men to ascend Hawaii's Mauna Kea, the tallest mountain in the world. He had previously made headlines when he became the first person to visit the oceans' greatest depths in 2018-19.

Mauna Kea reaches only 13,802 feet above sea level, but is actually much taller -- a total 33,500 feet -- with more than half of the mountain submerged in the Pacific Ocean. Vescovo said he was inspired to take on the challenge "because it allowed him to combine two of the strongest passions in my life: mountain climbing and ocean exploration.

The adventurer started his ascent by boarding his deep-submergence vehicle Limiting Factor with Hawaiian marine scientist Clifford Kapono.

Dog with luscious hair mistaken for a wig

Leeds: Lola, a 3-year-old Cocker Spaniel from Leeds, in the UK, has a head full of stunning blonde hair that often stops people in their tracks asking themselves if she's wearing a wig.

Cocker Spaniels are known for their beautiful curly locks, but Lola's hair is special, even for this breed. Her lucky owner, 22-year-old Rebecca Dobson, says that because the hair on the dog's head is so long and such a different color to the hair on her body, people assume it's either fake or that it's dyed.

But it's actually all-natural, which many are shocked to hear. Not only does Lola's hair get a lot of attention from dog lovers every time Rebecca takes her out on walks, but some people apparently ask to take photos of her just so they can show their hairdresser how they'd like their own hair done.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the complications if kidney stones are not treated in time?
Urinary infection, urine blockage, obstruction of urine flow from kidney can damage the kidney, bleeding in urine and urinary infection

By Dr Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Humanitarian Excellence Award conferred

Mysuru, Jan. 7- B.V. Panduranga Rao, a Bengaluru-based Cartoonist, was conferred with the most coveted social award of I CAN Foundation — National Humanitarian Excellence Award 2021 — at a glittering ceremony organised at a hotel in New Delhi on Dec. 20.

He was felicitated with a memento and a medal. The award was conferred based on his outstanding achievements and contribution for the past 50 years for various activities including bringing awareness on environment through his works.

And also for winning awards and prizes at National and International Cartoon Contests for his Cartoons.

Cartoonist B.V. Panduranga

MP Rahul Kaswan was the chief guest during the Awards Ceremony.

REALLY...?

- *The word 'jaguar' comes from the indigenous word 'yaguar', which means 'he who kills with one leap'.*
- *Jaguars are excellent swimmers.*
- *Jaguars have a more powerful bite than any other big cat. Their teeth are strong enough to bite through the thick hides of crocodilians and the hard shells of turtles.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

My exam question was, what is plagiarism? So I copied my answer from the person beside me !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.30
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.65
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.23
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.97

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 6
Day's Positive Cases	59	65
Total Positive Cases	1,80,445	1,80,510
Day's Discharges	11	6
Total Discharges	1,77,802	1,77,808
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,436	2,436
Total Active Cases	215	274

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Utilise satellite bus stand

complexes to generate revenue

Sir,

In N.R. Constituency represented by our MLA Tanveer Sait, there are two satellite bus stand complexes lying vacant — Naidunagar satellite bus stand and Sathagalli satellite bus stand.

They were built a decade ago for what purpose nobody knows. Both the bus stand complexes are vacant even today and only the tarmac path on ground floor is used by city buses.

These bus stands have good parking facility, all basic amenities, good access and egress from main road for public. They are ideal buildings to provide Government services to people — like setting up a Primary Health Centre, a Vaccination booth, Voter ID card/ Aadhaar card centres etc. If not at least rent it out to private firms to generate revenue from it.

Why waste tax-payers' money just to maintain these unutilised complexes from the past 10 years? Is the MLA listening?

—Syed Matheen Ahmed
Mysuru
4.1.2022

IEEE Mysore Subsection gets new Chair

Dr. Parameshachari

Mysuru, Jan. 7- Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Professor and Head, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has been nominated as the new Chair of IEEE Mysore Subsection.

The nomination was announced by Puneet Kumar Mishra, Nomination Committee Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section, during the first Annual General Meet of IEEE Mysore Subsection held recently.

Dr. Parameshachari is the Founder Chair-Elect of IEEE Mysore Subsection and Founder Chair of IEEE Information theory Society Bangalore Chapter. With more than 18 years of teaching and research experience, he is recognised as Research Guide at VTU, Belagavi and currently, six research scholars are pursuing Ph.D Degree under his supervision.

The objective of IEEE Mysore is to conduct student and professional activities like invited talks, internships and flagship conferences. IEEE Student Branches of Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu come under IEEE Mysore.

YHAI Gangothri Unit to hold State-level Dandeli Trekking

Mysuru, Jan. 7- The Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Gangothri Unit, Mysuru, has organised a five-day (4 nights, 5 days) State-level Trekking-cum-Training Programme in Dandeli Region, North Karnataka. The trekking event will take place in three batches from Jan. 22 to 28. A maximum of 35 trekkers are allowed to participate in each batch.

The reporting date for the respective batches will be Jan. 22, 23 and 24 respectively. Participants of the trek must report directly at Ulavi. Shivapur Basava Dhamma Math is the base camp, 9 kms from Ulavi.

During the five days of trekking, the trekkers can visit Shirve Gudda, Akka Nagamma Cave, Vibhuti Khanaja, Aakala Gavi, Rudrakshi Mantap, Haralayyana Chilume, Mahamane, Kali River Hanging Bridge, Kumbrala Waterfall, Shri Channabasaveshwara Temple and Sintheri Rocks.

Those interested in participating in the State-level trekking may contact YHAI Unit on Ph:0821-2341419 or Convener M.V. Parashivamurthy on Mob: 94486-00489 or S. Asheesh Kumar on Mob: 91486-90212 or K.M. Gopamma on Mob:94490-47132.

UoM postpones PG admission

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (RK&DM)- Due to technical faults in selection of students, the University of Mysore (UoM) has postponed admission to first year Post-Graduate (PG) courses for 2021-22.

A circular issued by the UoM Deputy Registrar (Academic) in this regard said that several lapses were found in the published admission list due to technical glitches. As such, the list has been put on hold and the admission process has been deferred. Revised admission list will soon be published and fresh admission dates will be announced soon, the circular said.

Annual Awards Ceremony held

Mysuru, Jan. 7- The Annual Awards Ceremony of JCI Mysore Royal City was organised with a retro theme recently.

There was magic show for the kids by Young Magician Jc Shakthi Shenoy. The members of the Chapter dressed and performed in retro Bollywood style. Sandalwood actress Rajani Bhardwaj Shah was the chief guest and the judge for the event.

Chapter President JFM Smitha Pagariya and her LGB team too performed on the occasion.

Past President HGF Jay Salecha was honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award. Past Presidents HGF Gaurav Jain, HGF Jayesh Shah, HGF Ummed Ranka and National Treasurer JCI Sen Vikas Gugliya were also present.

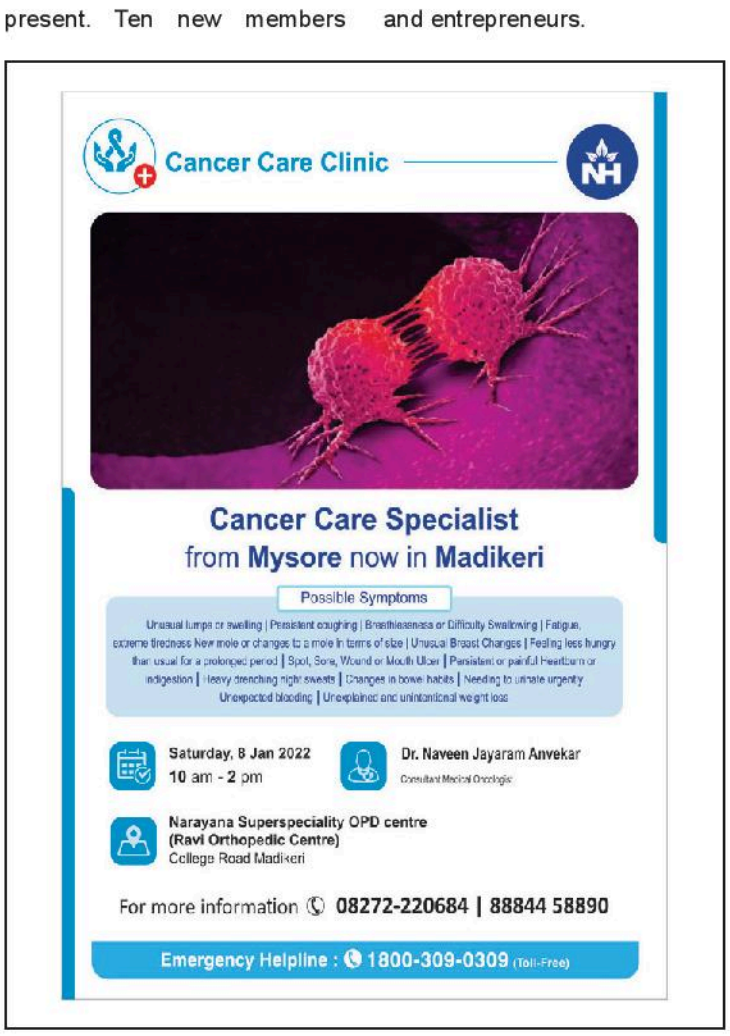
JCI Mysore Royal City team installed

Mysuru, Jan. 7- Jc Khushi Gugliya, National Trainer of JCI India, took oath as 20th President of JCI Mysore Royal City during the installation ceremony held on Jan. 2 at Terapanth Bhavan here.

Past National President JCI Sen Ramesh Batavia was the chief guest. Past National Vice-President JCI Naveen Misquith was the guest of honour. Zone President JCI Sen Kunal Manakchand was the Installing Officer while Zone Vice-President Jc Maya Girish was the Induction Officer.

Team 2022 of JCI Mysore Royal City led by President Jc Khushi Gugliya, IPP Jc Smitha Pagariya, Secretary Jc Ramesh Jain, Treasurer Jc Ashish Pagariya, Joint Secretary Jc Seema Porwad, VP Jc Siddarth Katariya, VP Jc Swathi Jain, VP Jc Ananth Jain, VP Jc Rahul Kanted, VP Bhavik Shah; Directors Jc Swaroopa Jain, Jc Divyanshi Darla, Jc Rekha Daga, Jc Shagun Darla, Jc Namratha Darla, Jc Latha Vedmutha, Jc Vijay Daga, Jc Sachin Jain, Jc Amitha Derasriya, Jc Tushar Gugliya, Jc Khusboo Kunal; Past Presidents of Zone XIV and Past President of JCI Mysore Royal City were present. Ten new members were inducted on the occasion.

JCI India is a voluntary organisation, membership-based NGO working in India since 1949 for developing the leadership skills of young men and women. It is affiliated to Junior Chamber International (JCI), a worldwide federation of young leaders and entrepreneurs.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NEWS BRIEFS

Free online meditation session

Gurukripa Meditation Centre, Mysuru, has organised a free online meditation session titled 'Divine Protection Shield - Mantra Sound Hypnotherapy Meditation' on Jan. 9 at 9 pm through zoom online session. Interested may contact Mob: 91417-58569.

Progress review meeting on Jan. 11

Lead Bank, Mysuru, will be holding a quarterly progress review meeting of all the Banks in the district at the main auditorium in Zilla Panchayat (ZP) on Jan. 11 at 10.30 am. MPs Pratap Simha, Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish will attend the meeting.

Administrative Assistant post: Applications invited

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Assistant Administrative Officers. Preference will be given to retired Government employees with graduation degree. Candidates who are degree holders with computer knowledge may also apply before 5 pm on Jan. 17. The application forms must be submitted to the Member-Secretary at the DLSA Office in Malalavadi, 5th Cross Jayanagar, according to a press release from District Legal Services Authority Member Secretary Devaraj Boothe.

Girl student made to undress for bringing mobile phone to school

Srirangapatna, Jan. 7 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A girl student was allegedly made to undress by the Head Mistress (HM) of a Government School after she (student) was suspected of bringing mobile phone to class.

The incident took place at the Government High School in Ganangoru village, Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district about a week ago.

It is learnt that the girl student, studying in 8th standard, had brought a mobile phone to the classroom and the Head Mistress, who is said to have noticed it, took the girl student to another classroom and locked her up.

Villagers and parents alleged that Head Mistress, after locking the girl in another room, made her to undress, thus behaving in an indecent manner.

Demanding stern action against the Head Mistress, the villagers and parents have lodged a complaint with Tahsildar Shwetha.

The Tahsildar, after receiving the complaint, visited the school and collected information from the girl student.

Speaking to media persons, Tahsildar Shwetha said that she has discussed the matter with the Block Education Officer (BEO) and has informed about the complaint to Mandya Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) asking him to initiate action against the HM.

The Tahsildar said that the parents of the girl student had lodged a complaint with her a week back following which she visited the school, spoke to every student individually about the incident and collected information from them. She said it looks like the Head Mistress had made the girl to undress to search for the mobile phone in person and added that she has suggested the BEO to send the HM on compulsory leave.

Continuing, Tahsildar Shwetha said that she has submitted the statements of students and the Head Mistress to the higher officials after conducting a preliminary investigation. The future course of action will be taken by the DDPI, as the BEO does not have the authority to initiate action against the Head Mistress, she added.

Mandya DDPI Javaregowda, condemning the alleged action by the Head Mistress, said that he has recommended the Commissioner to initiate action against the Head Mistress.

Caller demands Rs.1 crore ransom from Virajpet MLA

K.G. Bopaiah files Police complaint

Madikeri, Jan.7- In an act of blackmail, Virajpet BJP MLA K.G. Bopaiah was demanded to pay a ransom of Rs. 1 crore by a caller who telephoned him in the guise of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuth. The MLA has lodged a complaint with Madikeri Town Police in this regard.

K.G. Bopaiah

The person, who called Bopaiah (who is also a former Assembly Speaker) over his cellphone at about 6.15 pm on Wednesday when he was at his residence in Madikeri, identified himself as a personnel of ACB and demanded a ransom of Rs. 1 crore in order to stop ACB officials who were preparing to raid his home and office. The caller, who spoke in Kannada and gave his Bank account number, asked Bopaiah to credit the money directly to his account and cut off the call.

Later, the caller who called Bopaiah from another cellphone number, asked the MLA what he had planned regarding credit of money. Enraged by the call, Bopaiah told the caller that he was not scared of any raids. Thereafter, Bopaiah tried to contact the caller from the cellphone of visitors who were at his residence at that time. But these calls went unanswered, following which Bopaiah lodged a complaint with Madikeri Town Police.

The Police, who have registered a case in this regard, have tipped off Cyber Crime Police, who swung into action. Both the calls have been traced to Andhra Pradesh. While one cellphone number stands in the name of one Zahib Khan, the other is in the name of Annadanamma, according to the Police.

Speaking to pressperson, Bopaiah confirmed that he received two calls from different phone numbers on Wednesday evening.

Stating that the man spoke in Kannada, the MLA said that the caller read out the name plate in front of his residence and also questioned him whether he was MLA Bopaiah, to which he said he was indeed the MLA from Virajpet. "After receiving ransom calls, I have lodged a formal complaint with Madikeri Town Police and Cyber Crime Police," he said.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	123.14	feet
Yesterday	:	123.12	feet
Inflow	:	2,071	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,548	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.15	feet
Inflow	:	329	cusecs
Outflow	:	400	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,855.55	feet
Inflow	:	348	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Road asphalting works launched in Ward No. 6

Corporator SBM Manju along with Dr. Lokesh seen launching the road asphalting works at Ward No. 6 comprising Gokulam and Brindavan Layout recently. Residents Satish, Kempanna, Krishnappa, Jayanna, Subramanya, Jagadish, Engineer Rajashekar and others are seen.

SC nod for NEET PG counselling on existing EWS quota

New Delhi, Jan. 7 (UNI) - The Supreme Court today gave its nod for NEET-PG medical counselling process for admissions to 2021-22 academic session with existing OBC/EWS criteria.

A bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna allowed the 2021-22 admissions on the basis of the existing 27 percent reservation criteria for Other Backward Classes (OBC) and 10 percent reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

The Apex Court allowed the existing criteria to operate for the current admission year in order not to delay further the admission process.

85 die in 6 years at 12 black spots within city

Motorists speed on these stretches despite warning signs, say Police

A black spot near Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar on T. Narasipur Road.

12 BLACK SPOTS	
1.	Bandipalya APMC Yard Gate on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road
2.	Near Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Ooty Road
3.	Stretch between Siddalingapura and Kalasthawadi on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway (Sreeya Comforts)
4.	Devegowda Circle on Bannur Road
5.	Near Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar on T. Narasipur Road
6.	Near Tirumala Trust on Ring Road Junction
7.	Kumar Farm near Dodda Aalada Mara
8.	Near Daksha PU College in Hebbal Ring Road
9.	Hootagalli Junction on Ring Road
10.	Stretch between SRS Colony and Yeshasvini Kalyana Mantap on Hunsur Road
11.	Ring Road Junction on KRS Road
12.	Stretch between Infant Jesus Church and Roost Hotel on Hunsur Road

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (RK&BCT)- Black spots account for 90 percent of the road accidents in the country. Over 60 percent of the black spots on National Highways in India where more than 28,000 deaths took place in road crashes in a period of three years have been rectified till October 2021 and a total of Rs. 4,512.36 crore has been spent nationwide.

In road safety management, a black spot is a place where road traffic accidents have historically been concentrated. It may have occurred for a variety of reasons, such as a sharp drop or corner in a straight road, so oncoming traffic is concealed, a hidden junction on a fast road, poor or concealed warning signs at cross-roads.

In any given 500-metre stretch if there are more than 10 accidents in three years that have resulted in loss of lives, such places are called black spots. In Mysuru city limits, there are 12 black spots

In the last six years, 85 people have lost their lives in the 12 black spots and in all 315 accidents have occurred where 348 persons have sustained injuries. In 2021 from Jan. 1 till Dec. 31, 45 accidents have taken place in these black spots and 4 people have died and 52 of them have sustained injuries.

In the black spots that come under Krishnaraja Traffic Sub-Division, 12 accidents have taken place last year and 5 people have lost their lives. Though six accidents have been reported in Narasimharaja limits, no deaths have occurred. In the five black spots that come under Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station, one person has died in 13 accidents. In V.V. Puram limits there are five black spots and 15 accidents have occurred with two deaths.

When compared to 2020, the accidents in 2021 have reduced a bit but the death rates have increased by 50 percent. In 2020, 49 accidents were reported where 4 deaths and 54 injuries have been recorded. In 2019, 62 accidents were reported where 32 people died and 75 persons sustained injuries.

Likewise from 2016 to 2018, 169 accidents were reported in the 12 black spots where 41 people lost their lives and 167 sustained injuries.

POLICE ROLE

The strategy to eliminate these black spots includes effective road engineering solutions at the design stage, rectification of accident black spots, and improvement in automobile engineering, driver education, revision and effective enforcement of laws.

The Police have taken a proactive role in rectifying the black spots by bush cutting to clear the tree branches or shrubs that obstruct smooth movement of vehicles and to increase visibility.

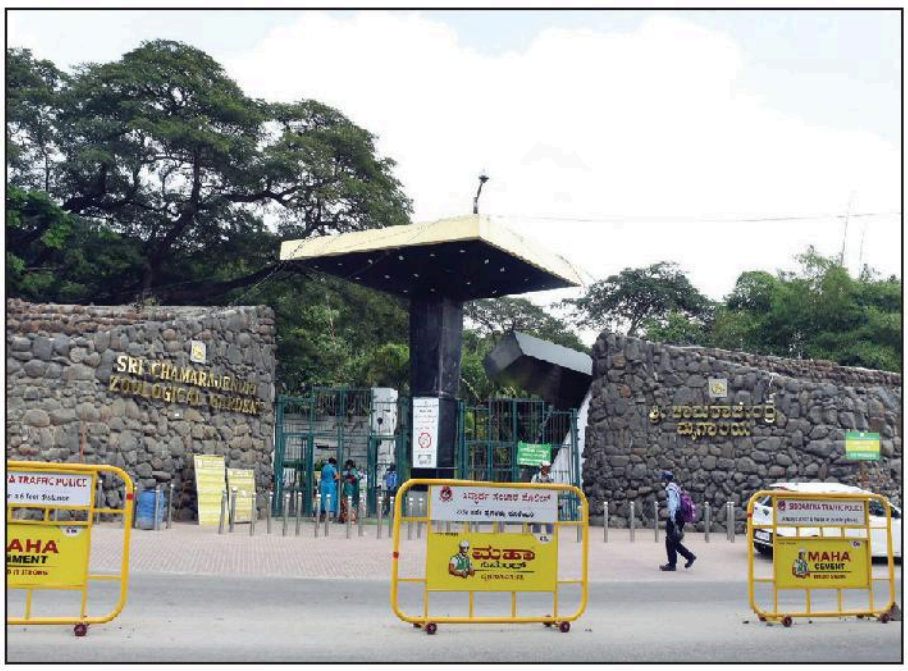
"This apart, we have taken measures to install warning signages on the stretches indicating the imminent danger to the motorists. A couple of such signages have already been installed at the black spots. We have also taken measures asking other public utilities to install street lights if at all the stretches are dark. Still people speed on the stretch ignoring the warning signs that cause accidents," a Police officer said.

Weighty Wheelie!

Wheelie or wheelstand is a vehicle manoeuvre in which the front wheel or wheels come off the ground due to sufficient torque being applied to rear wheel or wheels. But in this case, the goods vehicle did a wheelstand due to excess weight of goods loaded in the rear portion.

This freak incident took place on the road leading from Highway Circle towards the then Ideal Jawa factory (now Sankalp Central Park) in Yadavagiri after the Railway Underbridge at about 7.30 am today. The driver of the goods vehicle, after crossing the underbridge, was ascending the steep road, when he is said to have changed the gear and pressed the accelerator. Due to sufficient torque produced by the vehicle and also due to heavy weight in the rear portion, the goods vehicle did a wheelstand and remained stationary with its rear portion resting on the road. Though no casualties were reported, traffic was disrupted till V.V. Puram Traffic Police personnel arrived at the spot and took steps to bring the vehicle back on the ground.

Curfew: Tourist places closed



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Major tourist attractions closed

Hours before the weekend curfew, major tourist attractions in Mysuru have announced closure of their premises. The Mysuru Zoo officials said that Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park will remain closed for visitors on Saturdays and Sundays (Jan. 8 and Jan. 9 and again on Jan. 15 and Jan. 16). However, the Zoo and the Karanji Lake will remain open Jan. 11 and 18 (Tuesdays) despite being a holiday for the Zoo.

The Mysuru Rail Museum will be closed on Jan. 8 and Jan. 9 and on Jan. 15 and 16. However, it will be open from Monday to Friday, including Tuesday (Jan. 11 and Jan. 18), despite being closed holidays. The Mysore Palace that attracts thousands of visitors during weekends will be closed on Jan. 8 and Jan. 9 and again on Jan. 15 and Jan. 16, confirmed Mysuru Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya.

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) is yet to take a decision on the on-going Dasara exhibition. Speaking to *SOM*, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda has said that they are bound to follow the weekend curfew guidelines and accordingly, the exhibition will be closed on Jan. 8 and Jan. 9 and on Jan. 15 and 16. "Weekends are the time when we get maximum crowds. A decision on suspending or postponing the expo will be taken in the due course of time. We have to abide by the rules and are also ready to suspend the expo if the Government issues orders. Safety of the people is more important," he said.

Exempted services

The guidelines issued by the Government allow shops selling food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish, dairy and milk booths and animal fodder to function. Street vendors will also be allowed to function on weekends. Public Distribution System shops are allowed to function and home delivery of all items will be allowed 24×7.

Patients and their attendants or persons requiring emergency need and eligible people intending to take vaccination will be allowed with valid proof.

During the weekends, industries, including IT, will remain exempted from the restrictions of the curfew and employees will be allowed to commute upon producing valid ID cards issued by their organisations.

Meanwhile, all State and Union Government offices and their autonomous bodies, corporations, etc, that deal with emergency services, essential services and COVID-19 containment and management duties shall be fully functional and officers or personnel shall be allowed unrestricted movement.

KSRTC to operate limited service

Both inter-State and intra-State travel has been allowed, all KSRTC buses will run with less frequency, only to cater to essential services. Air and train travel has been permitted and both public and private transport allowed to and from railway stations and airports, with valid travel documents by commuters.

Both Mysuru KSRTC City DC S.P. Nagaraju and Rural DC Srinivas confirmed to *Star of Mysore* that only limited service will be operated and buses too will be sparse. "If there are people we will operate any route and if there are no takers, then there is no point in operating services," they said.

Mask mandate: MCC, Police get cracking

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On its part, the MCC has formed 10 teams under the leadership of Senior Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj who levied fines from the mask-less population at prominent places and major junctions like the K.R. Circle, Devaraja Market, Chikka Gadiyara, Gandhi Square, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Ashoka Road, JLB Road, Ramaswamy Circle and other busy areas in the Central Business District.

Police teams accompanied by MCC staff were seen stopping people for not wearing masks even as persons without masks and helmets particularly two-wheeler riders turned their vehicle back on sighting the police and taking other routes but some of them, who failed to do it, were caught by the Police and fined.

During the drive, many people were found keeping their masks inside their pockets and in their vehicle dashboard. While several commuters told the Police that since they are wearing helmets they avoided wearing masks. They were told to obey the Government rules and they were let off with a warning.

Several others told the Police and the MCC staff that they faced difficulty in breathing if they wore masks. "People should remember that they can go on to infect their family members or friends. We have to remember that if we get infected, we may then go on to infect our family members and friends," another Policeman said.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta told reporters that fines will have to be paid for every violation including not wearing masks and not maintaining social distance. While purchasing food items during weekend curfew too, people and shopkeepers are bound to follow rules, he added.

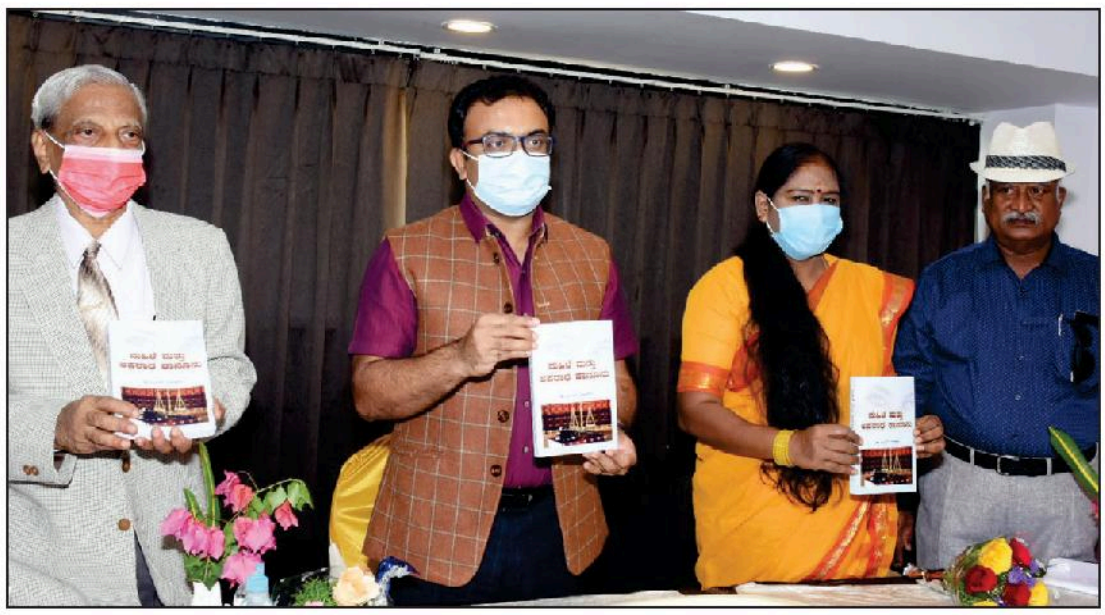
Liquor vends see unusual rush as people prefer stocking up

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (RK&BCT)- With just hours for the weekend curfew to kick in, heavy rush was seen at almost all the liquor outlets in the city this morning. Since all liquor vends will be closed from today 10 pm till 5 am on Monday, Jan. 10, people made sure that they had enough stocks of beer and Indian made liquor.

Standalone liquor outlets witnessed long queues and people were also seen consuming and taking away bottles from over the counter in bars and restaurants. At many places the mask rule and social distancing norms were given a go-by in the eagerness to purchase liquor.

Meanwhile, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K. Gopalaiah has clarified that all liquor vends will also be closed during weekend curfew. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru this morning, he said that all shops and standalone outlets, bars and restaurants will have to close at the stipulated time.

Police Commissioner releases book on 'Women and Criminal Laws'



Mysuru, Jan.7 (GA&DM)- Stressing on the need for sensitising women on the laws of the land, City Police Commissioner Dr.Chandragupta observed that efforts should be madefor economic empowerment of women as it would help them lead a self-reliant life.

He was speaking after releasing Dr. M.S. Umapathy's book 'Women and Criminal Laws' at a programme organised at a Private Hotel here yesterday.

Pointing out that there are many ways for economic empowerment of women, Dr. Chandragupta said that it is important to save women from domestic violence or atrocities at houses, place of work etc.

Noting that an economically empowered woman can take independent decisions, he said that staying informed is vital in these days, where a fast life has become the order.

Opining that an uncaring attitude and mindless acts of men are responsible for most of the crimes against women, the Police Commissioner said that it is important to create awareness about laws that are pro-women in nature. He called upon parents to keep a tab on the activities of their male children.

Sai Pragathi Foundation Founder Dr. Rathnamma said exploitation of women would stop if everyone treats women as mothers. Author Dr. Umapathy, Retired Police Officers Anand and J.B. Rangaswamy and others were present.

State Govt. announces Rs.3,885 crore for Urban Local Bodies

Rs.16.5 crore for Mysuru's Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan

Bengaluru, Jan.7 (KMS&DM)- In a major push for Urban Development projects, the State Government has given administrative approval for release of Rs.3,885 crore for implementation of Nagarothana Scheme in 302 Urban Local Bodies across the State.

Announcing this after a State Cabinet meeting at Bengaluru yesterday, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that under the scheme, infrastructure would be developed in City Corporations, City Municipal Councils (CMCs), Town Municipal Councils (TMCs) and Town Panchayats (TPs).

The Minister said that the Cabinet approved the Jal Jeevan Mission project for ensuring piped water supply to all residents of the State and also enabling the Government to borrow Rs.167 crore from the World Bank for the Project, the total cost of which is Rs.9,152 crore.

Ambedkar Bhavan

Continuing, the Minister said that the Government has given administrative approval for releasing Rs.16.5 crore for completion of works on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan at Mysuru.

The other Cabinet decisions taken included construction of a new 5-star hotel at Jog Falls and a Ropeway across Sharavati river at a total cost of Rs.116 crore; Rs.406 crore for supply of IT equipment and appointment of service providers at all Sub-Registrar offices in the State; Rs.12 crore for construction of film actor M.H. Ambarish Memorial at Bengaluru's Sree Kanteerava Studios and allocation of lands for various Trusts and organisations spread across the State.

Financial aid for Upparas

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (ASC)- The Karnataka Uppara Development Corporation Limited (KUDCL) has invited applications for the year 2021-22, to avail direct loan facilities for self-employment from Uppara community.

Uppara, Beldar, Chunar, Gavadi, Goundi, Kallukutiga Uppara, Lonari, Melusakkareyavaru, Melusakkare, Namada Uppara, Padit/Padti, Paditi, Vadi, Sagara, Sunnagara, Sunnauppara, Uppaliga, Uppaliga Shetty, Uppaliyan, Uppera, Yakalara and Ekkili members.

Applicants should be a resident of Karnataka with a permanent address. The annual family income of applicants from rural areas should not exceed Rs. 98,000 and Rs. 1,20,000 for urban applicants. Applicants must be aged 18 to 55 years.

Only one person per family will be able to avail the loan facility.

Students of Uppara Community who have already availed benefits under Arivu Education Loan Scheme are eligible to apply for renewal for the year 2021-22 by visiting the website *suvidha.karnataka.gov.in* before Jan. 10 by 5.30 pm. The applicants should mandatorily submit their applications online.

Candidates should upload online by submitting Aadhaar, Caste and Income certificate, previous year's marks card, study certificate, loan sanction order, consent letter of the parents and other necessary documents.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2341194 and or Mob: 70262-88888, or log on to *upparde velopment.karnataka.gov.in*.

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Mandya District Administration asks devotees not to go on 'Om Shakti' pilgrimage

Mandya, Jan.7 (Mohan Raj)- With the district reporting a sudden spurt in Corona cases which is attributed to devotees returning to the district after visiting Om Shakti temple in Tamil Nadu which has turned out into a COVID hotspot of late, the Mandya District Administration has banned the district devotees from visiting the Tamil Nadu temple.

Speaking to presspersons after holding a meeting with officials at her office here on Thursday, Mandya Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi said that in the wake of exponentially rising COVID cases in the district, the KSRTC authorities have been directed to stop plying buses to tourist spots and pilgrimage centres in other States and other districts in Karnataka as a precautionary measure.

Pointing out that Tahsildars and other officials have been asked to submit a list of devotees who have already left for Tamil Nadu's Om Shakti temple and other tourist and religious places, she said following reports that the devotees have left in private buses too, the RTO has been asked to provide details of private tourist buses.

Aswathi further said that the RTO has also been instructed not to allow private buses to carry tourists to other States for now, in the wake of the pandemic.

Pointing out that the district administration has information that more than 3,000 people from Mandya have left for Tamil Nadu's Om Shakti temple, the DC said that all those returning from the tour will be tested for the virus and mandatorily sent for home quarantine, even though they test negative.

Continuing, she said that all efforts are being made to ensure that there is no shortage of beds in case of any eventuality.

Noting that a COVID Care Centre will be set up at all taluks of the district, Aswathi said that all Shopping Malls and other such business places have been asked to allow only such people who have received two doses of vaccine. The officials have also been asked to strictly enforce COVID appropriate behaviour by people at all places, the Mandya DC added.

Additional DC Shylaja, DHO Dr. Dhananjaya, Zilla Panchayat CEO Divya Prabhu and other officials were present at the meeting.

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POINSETTIA: The legendary holiday plant is a winter delight

Florals and foliage of several species of ornamental plants are associated with the festive season of Christmas. Apart from the well known, rather celebrated, 'Christmas tree' a wide variety of plants embrace "Christmas" in their common names e.g. Poinsettia, Holly, Mistletoe, Ivy, Christmas Cactus, Christmas Bells, Christmas Roses (Helleborus ssp, Hydrangea sps), "Snow Rose" or "Winter Rose" (Serissa foetida). Together they are called 'Christmas plants.' Another common term used for these herbals in western countries (America and Europe) is 'Holiday plants.'* Among these, 'Poinsettia' is the most admired. It is next only to 'Christmas Tree' in popularity. With brilliant red floral display held against rich green foliage it is adorable with its appealing presentation of the traditional Christmas colours. It's relationship to Christmas dates back to 16th-century. According to a Mexican legend a poor little girl (Pepita or Maria ?) was very much worried as she had no gift to celebrate Lord Jesus's birthday; during which time, an angel asked her to offer any gift with love. The young girl collected handful of weed plants growing on the road side and placed them in the manger (a makeshift crib for the Baby Jesus — a Christian symbol). Miraculously, the weeds blossomed into beautiful red stars, the present day 'Poinsettias.' Thus, the plant became legendary. Being popular they are sold everywhere from florists and nurseries to supermarkets and convenience stores all around the world. Infact, 'Poinsettia' trade is a multi-million dollar business in the US and Europe.

It's common English name 'Poinsettia' is in honour of Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Minister to Mexico, who introduced the plant to the US in 1825. The plant is also known as 'Christmas Star,' 'Christmas Flower,' 'Crown of the Andes,' 'Painted Leaf,' 'Mexican Flame Tree,' 'Lobster Plant' and 'Lalpata in Hindi.' It's scientific name is Euphorbia Pulcherrima (syn. Poinsettia Pulcherrima) belonging to the family Euphorbiaceae. The generic name 'Euphorbia' is derived from Euphorbos, the Greek physician of King Luba (or Juba) II of Numidia (52–50 BC – 23 AD), who married the daughter of Anthony and Cleopatra; species epithet 'Pulcherrima' means "very beautiful."

Euphorbia Pulcherima is a native to tropical Central America and Mexico. It is a shrub with smooth green

erect stems, growing upto10 ft. When cut, a milky sap oozes out from the stem. The leaves are green, large, oval shaped and dentate ("toothed" margins) on the sides and pointed at the tips. Flowers are borne at the stem tips. The floral arrangement is quite different from the typical floral plan and the flowers appear inside a small cup-shaped structure called Cyathium (or Cyathia) at the centre of the brilliantly coloured "bracts" (bracts are actually modified leaves). Each Cyathia, yellow in colour, contains unisexual, apetalous (without petals) flowers. The inconspicuous male flowers occur in clusters and are reduced to a single red stamen, while the female ones consists of a single ovary (pistil) hidden within the cyathium. The rim of the cyathium bears nectar glands which are attractive to insect pollinators. Fruits are called capsules with ovoid shaped pale grey seeds.

There are many cultivars (varieties). A few notable among them are: 'Silver Star' — dusky pink bracts and variegated leaves; 'Lemon Snow' — pale yellow bracts; 'Cortez Burgundy' — deep plum bracts; 'Jingle Bells' — red, pink flecks; 'Darlyne Pink' — reddish pink bracts and 'White Splendor' — white bracts.

HOLIDAY PLANTS

The Christmas season is also called the 'Holiday Season' or the 'Festive Season,' an annual recurring period from late November to early January as recognised in many Western and other countries. Plants used for winter festivities during this season are called 'Holiday plants.'

USEFUL TIPS

- Poinsettias are winter blooming perennials.
- They can be easily grown in flower beds, pots or containers.
- Beautiful additions to any type of garden or parks.
- They prefer diffused light and moderate watering.
- Over watering may result in grey mould attack.
- Prune the plants in June for best floral display during winter.
- Transfer the plants to sunny places during winter for best colour development .
- Poinsettias can be propagated easily by softwood cuttings .
- Common pests like scale insect and mealy-bug may attack and can be easily controlled by applying pesticides.
- Most of the present day Poinsettias sold during winter are dwarf varieties. They are the right choice for indoor decoration and floral bouquets during winter festivities. They are also best eco-friendly gifts for any occasion.
- The plants brought for Christmas are often disposed off after the festivity as they start fading especially when placed indoors. But with a little care, one can keep them throughout the year. Keep the plants outside in semi shade areas. The plants recover and bracts brighten up (colour up) again during the next season.

CAUTION

Toxic compounds are found in the milky latex, but they are of low toxicity. If ingested it induces abdominal pain with vomiting and diarrhoea. Frequent contact with skin may cause redness, swelling and blisters lasting for a few minutes.

WHERE TO SEE

Home gardens and public parks; Sold in plant nurseries during Christmas season.

TREE FACTS

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Unauthorised shops along
Ring Road demolished by MUDA

Mysuru, Jan.7 (RK&DM)- Continuing its drive against illegal occupation of its landed properties, the MUDA in an early morning operation today, demolished many shops that had illegally come up in front of RTO (East) Office in Devanur Third stage and at spaces around Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital along the Ring Road .

The authorities demolished three temporary sheds which functioned as hotels and tea shops, 14 petty shops, a photo-copy shop and a driving school Office which had come up illegally on MUDA lands.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of MUDA Executive Engineer Sunil and other officials, with Narasimharaja (NR) and Udayagiri Police providing security.

Accident victims succumb to injuries at hospitals

Venkatesh

Srinivasa

Srirangapatna, Jan. 7 (KS)- Two persons, who had sustained injuries in separate road accidents and admitted to private hospitals in Mysuru, have succumbed to injuries at the hospitals.

In the first case, Venkatesh (70), a resident of Naguvanahalli village, who had sustained serious injuries in a road accident about five days ago and admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru, has succumbed to injuries at the hospital yesterday.

The deceased had served as the President of Srirangapatna TAPCMS, Director of Mandya DCC Bank and was the JD(S) President for many years.

Last rites were held at Naguvanahalli village this morning.

In the second case, Srinivasa Prasanna (55), son of Venu Gopalashastry and a resident of Kumbarageri in the town, who had sustained serious injuries after his scooter was hit by a bike, opposite Sai Baba Ashrama near the town on Wednesday, has succumbed to injuries at a private hospital in Mysuru yesterday.

Srinivasa, a purohit by profession, was returning home on his scooter on Wednesday evening, when a bike rammed into his scooter resulting in him sustaining serious injuries.

He was rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru, where he breathed his last, according to Police.

Kidnap, extortion in the guise of Health officials

Court sentences three persons including a journalist to seven years jail

K.R. Pet, Jan. 7 (KS)- The Srirangapatna's 3rd Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced three persons including a journalist to seven years imprisonment besides imposing Rs. 10,000 each as fine after they were found guilty of kidnapping a doctor after posing as Health Department officials. The convicts had also taken away gold and cash belonging to the doctor.

Those convicted by the Court are Viji alias Vijay Kumar, editor of 'Kannu' newspaper and AV News channel and his accomplices Harsha alias Kitty of Hemmanahalli village and Lokesh of Pura village, both in K.R. Pet taluk.

On Aug. 29, 2011, the three persons, who came to the clinic of Dr. Dasharath Kumar at Modhur village in K.R. Pet taluk, introduced themselves as officials from the District Health Officer's Office and asked Dr. Dasharath to show his documents.

When the doctor showed them the documents, the three persons, who told him that the documents were fake, asked the doctor to accompany them to the Police Station and took him in their car near K.R. Pet Rural Police Station.

But instead of taking the doctor to the Police Station, the trio told Dr. Dasharath that were journalists and knew that he (doctor) was a fake doctor. They then took the doctor in the car to Kikkeri, where they snatched his ATM card and took the password after threatening him. As there was no cash in the ATM there, they took the doctor to Channarayapatna, where they withdrew cash from SBM, Canara and Corporation Bank ATMs. They also took away Rs. 1,000 cash which the doctor had and also snatched his 4.5 gram gold finger ring. They then made the doctor alight and threatened of killing him if he informed the Police.

The doctor, who somehow managed to reach K.R. Pet, lodged a complaint at K.R. Pet Rural Police Station. The then Inspector Sandesh Kumar (currently serving as Srirangapatna Dy.SP), who began his investigation, collected footages of cameras installed in the ATMs and based on the footages, arrested the three and had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge Parameshwara Prasanna, who took up the hearing of the case, heard the arguments from both sides and found the three guilty of the crime and sentenced them to jail. Public Prosecutors Feroz Khan and Prafulla argued on behalf of the Government.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru Railway Police have bodies of unidentified persons in their jurisdiction.

In the first case, the Railway Cops found a body of an unidentified man aged about 65 years between Mandya and Yaliyur Railway Stations and have registered a case.

The deceased is 5.2 ft. tall, dark complexioned, normal built, round faced and was wearing a faded algae green sweater, white shirt and a faded grey coloured pant.

In the second case, a body of a 50-year-old unidentified man was found between Mandya and Hanakere Railway Stations.

The deceased is 5.2 ft. tall, dark complexioned, normal built, oval faced and was wearing a cream coloured full arm shirt, black pant and Hawai Slippers.

In the third case, the Railway Police found a body of an unidentified man aged about 50 years between Mandya and Yaliyur Railway Stations.

The deceased is 5.2 ft. tall, dark complexioned, normal built, round faced, has the names 'Yashodha, Prabha' tattooed on his right hand, flower design tattoo on his left hand and was wearing a blue coloured full arm shirt, grey pant and a wrist watch.

The Railway Police, who have shifted the bodies to the mortuary after registering cases, has asked the kith and kin of the deceased persons, if any, to contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Masked miscreant, who had caused tension since two months, finally nabbed

Madikeri, Jan. 7 (KS)- A masked miscreant, who had created tension since about two months in Kutta Police limits, South Kodagu, and had posed a challenge to the Police, was finally nabbed near Ponnampet.

The accused has been identified as 30-year-old Vineshkumar, a native of Siddapur and following his arrest, the Police have solved two extortion, damage of temple idol and temple hundi robbery cases in Kutta Police limits and also another temple hundi theft case in Somwarpet Police limits.

A few days ago, the accused who had barged into the house of former President of Ponnampet Kodava Samaja Sullimada Gopal Thimmaiah at Nalkeri village near Srimangala in South Kodagu, had assaulted Gopal with a knife before fleeing from the spot. He had also snatched gold earrings of one Gangamma in Kotur village.

Accused Vineshkumar had also damaged the idol of Lord Ganesha at a temple in Kotur village and had also stolen hundis of Mahadeshwara Temple in the same village and at Aiyappa Swamy Temple in Bajegundi village in Somwarpet. The accused used to wear mask and threaten people with knife thus causing tension among the public.

Four special Police teams led by Kutta Inspector C.A. Manjappa and Gonikoppa Inspector Sridhar were formed and the public were also appealed to inform the nearby Police Station if they come across any suspicious persons.

The Police teams had also conducted search operations at Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya, Manandawadi, Hassan and other places and were successful in nabbing the accused near Ponnampet.

Obituary

S.A. Wahab

Mysuru, Jan. 7 - S.A. Wahab (96), a resident of Kalyangiri, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind three daughters, five sons and a host of relatives and friends. Burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle this noon.

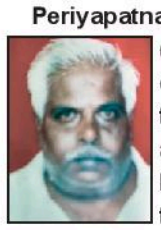
Ramakrishna Nayaka

K.R. Nagar: H.T. Ramakrishna Nayaka (70), a retired Head Master and a resident of Hosa Agrahara village in the taluk, passed away on Wednesday at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land.

Paramesh



Periyapatna: P.N. Paramesh (68), a resident of Santhepet in the town, passed away yesterday. He leaves behind two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in the town this morning.

Cheluvachari

H.D. Kote: Cheluvachari (64), a retired Police Sub-Inspector and a native of Mahadeshwara Betta, passed away on Wednesday at Beechanahalli in the taluk.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Beechanahalli Burial Grounds.

WORD OF THE DAY

Antithetical

Pronunciation: an-tuh-THET-ih-kul.
Meaning: Directly opposite of or opposed.
Origin: Antithetical and antithesis come from Greek antitithenai ("to oppose"). The oldest sense of antithesis refers to a language pattern that contrasts parallel ideas, as in "action, not words" or "they promised freedom and provided slavery," and antithetical originally referred to anything that was marked by such antithesis. For example, you could say "The phrase 'action, not words' is an antithetical construction." It is more common, however, for antithesis to mean "the exact opposite" and for antithetical to mean "directly opposite."
Example: "In all seriousness, area trails can get crowded, particularly during holidays, and an adventure with too many others, for some, is antithetical to their preferred outdoor experience." —David Jasper

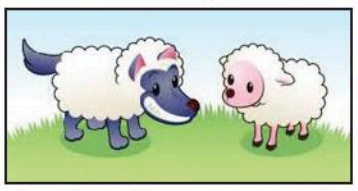
THE ODD WORD

Ablutomania

Mania for washing oneself.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A wolf in sheep's clothing



Meaning: A wolf in sheep's clothing means someone who hides malicious intent under the guise of kindliness.
Origin: The cautionary advice that one shouldn't necessarily trust someone since he or she is pretending to be something he/she is not, has been with us for many centuries. One form of it is Aesop's Fable in which a wolf who wanted to fool the shepherd into believing that he was a lamb, put on a sheepskin. When the shepherd locked the gate at night, the wolf thought it was safe to devour the sheep, however the shepherd returned at night to the flock to gather meat, and the wolf was slaughtered as one of the sheep.
Example: "Don't trust the salespeople at the store; they are all wolves in sheep's clothing!"

QUOTE BOX

I don't design clothes. I design dreams. **—Ralph Lauren**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

COF FEE

Answer: Coffee break.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

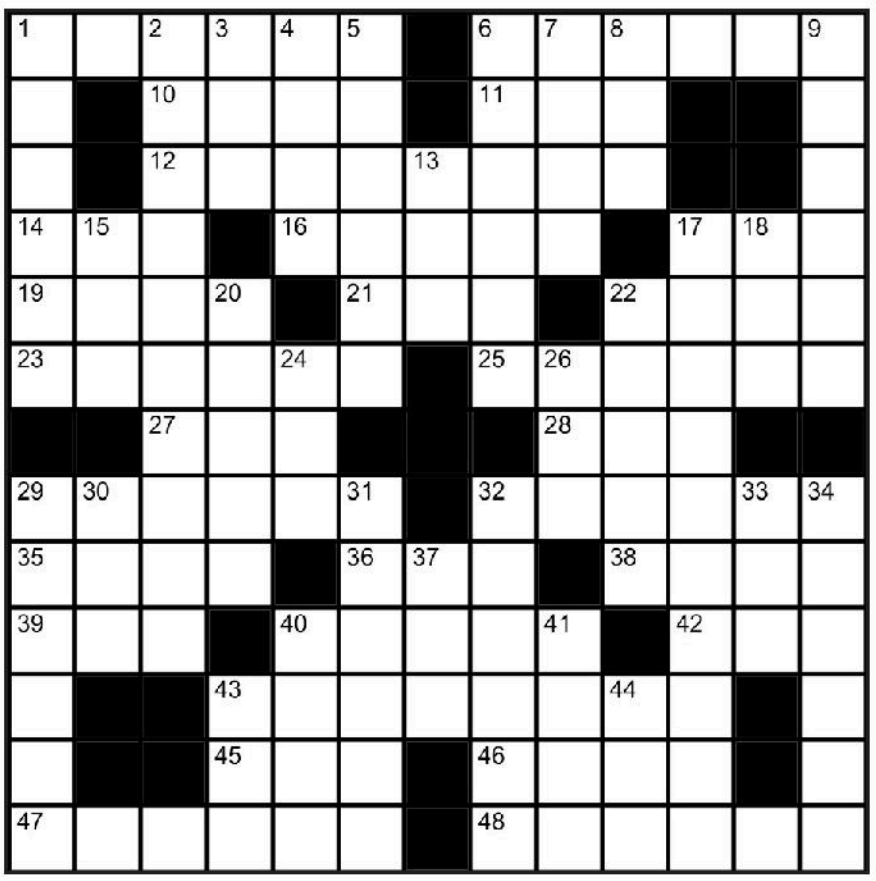
1 ____ forth : emits out effusively?
6 Arises (4,2)
10 Make into a pile
11 Abstract noun suffix
12 You go to him if you need spectacles
14 Actual Navigation Performance
16 Barely sufficient
17 Prohibit or disallow
19 Misappropriate; acquire
21 Dutch commune
22 Conceal
23 Appeared to be?
25 Opposite of "perigee"
27 Long time
28 Triumphant cry
29 First class
32 Homing bird
35 ___ fixe (an obsession)
36 Southwest Indian
38 Hindu God of death
39 Rocky hill
40 Group of three
42 Alphabet trio
43 Tactful; judicious or prudent
45 "The Simpsons" bartender
46 Mine find
47 Surfeit
48 Thick greasy mud?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	O	A	R	■	A	M	P	■	A	R	I	A
O	N	D	E	■	D	E	R	■	L	Y	N	X
B	A	L	M	■	I	N	I	T	I	A	T	E
E	M	I	■	Y	O	U	N	G	■	N	I	L
■	■	B	S	E	S	■	T	I	N	■	■	■
T	A	B	L	A	■	D	E	F	I	C	I	T
C	L	E	O	■	S	I	R	■	E	O	N	S
A	B	D	O	M	E	N	■	S	C	E	N	E
■	■	■	P	E	R	■	D	E	E	R	■	■
U	R	U	■	W	I	D	O	W	■	C	U	M
P	U	L	L	S	O	U	T	■	E	I	R	E
A	I	N	U	■	U	S	E	■	L	O	G	O
S	N	A	G	■	S	T	D	■	K	N	E	W

DOWN

1 Shows unholy glee?
2 He sells retail goods at his establishment?
3 With it, once
4 Takes food
5 Highly flavoured
6 An old 21 shillings
7 "E" in Q.E.D. ?
8 Best possible marks in a gymnastic event ?
9 Red Indian from the plains
13 Bounder
15 Not
17 Very generous (3-7)
18 A synthetic fruit drink
20 Ham it up
22 A long sandwich - "go hay" anagram?
24 Rock musician Brian
26 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
29 Small written or printed stroke or dot?
30 Altar vow (1,2)
31 Money-bags?
32 Precious stones protected by oysters
33 On-Board Maintenance Sys.
34 Disposition
37 Facial spasm
40 Uncles in Spain
41 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
43 Distance Measuring Equip.
44 College-website domain



SUDOKU

		8		7	9			
3	2			1				
	5	9						8
9		7	4					
	3						2	
					6	1		9
2						9	5	
				2			8	3
			1	5		2		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	2	1	8	7	9	6	5
7	6	1	3	5	9	8	2	4
8	5	9	4	6	2	1	7	3
1	7	4	9	2	6	3	5	8
2	8	3	7	4	5	6	9	1
5	9	6	8	1	3	2	4	7
9	2	7	5	3	1	4	8	6
6	1	8	2	7	4	5	3	9
4	3	5	6	9	8	7	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VOBVRO SFB FYDO SFYK KFOQ SYPK YTO IBPU

BI KORRJPL VOBVRO SFB FYDOP'K SFYK KFOQ

SYPK KFYK KFOQ TOYRRQ UBP'K SYPK JK.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Look wise, say nothing, and grunt. Speech was given to conceal thought.

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  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
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Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (2D-E)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Arjun Gowda (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Rider (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

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83 (H)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.55 pm
	(S-3)	5.40 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	2.50 pm, 6.10 pm
Rider (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 6.30 pm
	(S-3)	2.35 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	(S-4)	5.30 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	2.35 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am

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83 (H)	:	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 6.10 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	11.00 am, 6.00 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.00 noon, 2.55 pm, 5.50 pm
Rider (K)	:	11.15 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	:	2.10 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (K)	:	11.45 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	:	5.20 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	:	2.20 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	11.00 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	:	2.15 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	:	11.15 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (K)	:	2.25 pm
83 (H)	:	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
Rider (K)	:	2.55 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	:	6.00 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	6.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Rider (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	(S-3)	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Street musical concerts key to save classical music: Vidwan T.M. Krishna

Vidwan T.M. Krishna and troupe presenting a concert at 60th Heritage Music Festival of SPVGMC Trust at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 7 (MK&DM)- Maintaining that street musical concerts hold key for the survival of classical music, Vidwan T.M. Krishna said that organisation of musical programmes on streets will help in taking music to all sections of the society.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 20-day 60th Heritage Music Festival of Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable Trust (SPVGMC Trust) organised at 8th Cross Pandal in V.V. Mohalla yesterday.

Observing that musical concerts in a luxurious hall or other closed spaces will reach only a section of the society or the hall capacity, Vidwan Krishna contended that holding programmes on streets will help reach out to all sections of the population.

Complimenting SPVGMC Trust for taking music to all sections by organising the event on streets, which it has been doing so for decades, he said that the Trust has never compromised on promoting music and arts.

Vyasaraja Mutt Seer Vidyashreesha Swamiji graced the occasion. Stressing on the importance of attending music concerts, the Seer opined that music can erase scare and concerns in the minds of people even during hard and testing times such as the COVID pandemic, which the world is now currently going through.

Highlighting the contributions of Vidwan T.M. Krishna for the field of music, he said that the scholar's books on music are a treat to read.

The inauguration was followed by a concert by Vidwan T.M. Krishna (vocal), Vidwan Sheik Mahabook Subhani and Vidushi Sheik Kaleeshabi (Nagaswara), Vidushi Akkarai Subhalakshmi (violin), Vidwan Praveen Sparsh (mridanga) and Vidwan Giridhar Udupa (ghata).

President and Whole Time Director of Automotive Axles Limited, Mysuru, N. Muthukumar, former MLA Vasu, Industrialist M. Jagannath Shenoy, SPVGMC Trust Secretary C.R. Himamshu and others were present.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 7)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, V.V. Mohalla :** 60th Heritage Music Festival, Kavya Vaachana, **5.15 pm;**

Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi and **Vidu. Akkarai Swarnalatha** - Violin; **Vid. Sai Giridhar** - Mridanga; **Vid. Giridhar Udupa** - Ghata, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.** [Only those who have taken two doses of vaccine can attend the event]

- **Ganabharathi:** Bharatanatyam recital by Vid. Pavan Kumar, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Premita Govind, accompanied by Vid. Nandakumar Unnikrishnan on vocal, Vid. H.S. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga, Vid. Rakesh Sudhir on flute and Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy on nattuvanga, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.** [Ph: 0821-256 0313]

[NOTE: No events tomorrow (Jan. 8) due to Weekend Curfew]

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Bengal Warriors Vs **Haryana Steelers** — 7.30 pm

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Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 8)

UP Yoddha Vs **Dabang Delhi** — 7.30 pm

U Mumba Vs **Telugu Titans** — 8.30 pm

Gujarat Giants Vs **Patna Pirates** — 9.30 pm

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